

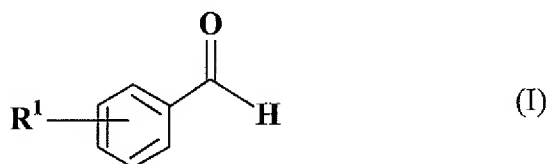
Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended). A fibre composite impregnated with a curable, solvent-free epoxy resin matrix, comprising:

- (a) a liquid epoxy resin or a liquid mixture of epoxy resins,
- (b) a benzylidenamine compound ~~obtainable~~ obtained by reacting a benzaldehyde of the formula (I)



in which R¹ is hydrogen, hydroxyl, C₁-C₅ alkyl or C₁-C₅ alkoxy with a primary amine,

- (c) an aliphatic or cycloaliphatic primary monoamine and/or dissecondary diamine
- and
- (d) a catalytically curing tertiary amine,

the curable epoxy resin matrix containing from 0.15 to 0.8 amine hydrogen equivalent of the amine component (c) and from 0.01 to 0.1 mol of the tertiary amine (d) per epoxide equivalent of the epoxy resin (a).

Claim 2 (previously presented). The fibre composite according to Claim 1, containing from 0.3 to 20% by weight, based on components (a), (c) and (d), of the benzylidenamine compound.

Claim 3 (previously presented). The fibre composite according to Claim 1, containing from 0.2 to 0.7 amine hydrogen equivalent of the amine component (c) and from 0.02 to 0.06 mol of the tertiary amine (d) per epoxide equivalent.

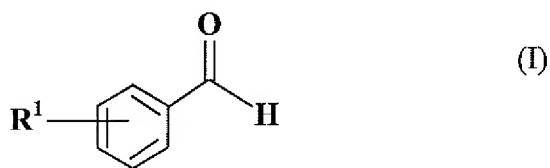
Claim 4 (previously presented). The fibre composite according to Claim 1, wherein component (c) is an aliphatic or cycloaliphatic primary monoamine.

Claim 5 (previously presented). The fibre composite according to Claim 1, wherein the benzylidenamine compound is benzylidenebenzylamine.

Claims 6 (previously presented). A fibre composite system produced from the fibre composite according to Claim 1 together with wood or plastics having a low softening point.

Claims 7-8 (cancelled).

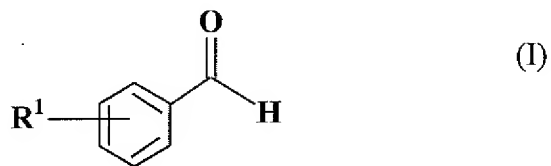
Claim 9 (currently amended). An epoxy resin matrix comprising a liquid epoxy resin or a liquid mixture of epoxy resins, a benzylidenamine compound ~~obtainable~~ obtained by reacting a benzaldehyde of the formula (I)



in which R¹ is hydrogen, ~~hydroxyl~~, C₁-C₅ alkyl or C₁-C₅ alkoxy with a primary amine, and as a curing agent a mixture composed of an aliphatic or cycloaliphatic primary monoamine and/or dissecondary diamine and a catalytically curing tertiary amine.

Claim 10 (currently amended). The epoxy resin matrix according to Claim 9, containing, based on the total amount of epoxy resin and curing agent, from 0.3 to 20% by weight of

the benzylidenamine compound ~~obtainable~~ obtained by reacting a benzaldehyde of the formula (I)



in which R¹ is hydrogen, ~~hydroxyl~~, C₁-C₅ alkyl or C₁-C₅ alkoxy with a primary amine.